

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on February 2, 2015 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Jensen, LaQueue, Marti, Roseberry, Mayor Baumgartner and Chief Anderson. Alderperson Kierstyn was excused.

Five Citizens were in attendance.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:
 - a. January 19, 2015 Regular Session
 - b. January 29, 2015 Special Session
2. Committee/Commission/Authority/Advisory Minutes:
 - a. January 22, 2015 Downtown Development Commission
 - b. January 27, 2015 Finance Committee
3. Operator's License
 - a. January 19, 2015 – February 2, 2015 *There were no licenses.*

Roseberry stated that the Finance Committee minutes needed to be corrected. The Motion to Adjourn should have been made by Kierstyn and second by Roseberry. **Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Consent Agenda: Committee/Commission/Authority/Advisory Minutes

Downtown Development Commission – January 22, 2015

In Petitions & Communications Mayor Baumgartner introduced and welcomed newest member Robin Elkington to the Commission.

Nate and Joan Kirslenlohr representing the Hazel Street Farm Market discussed the plans for this year. The farm market will start Wednesday, May 27th and run through Wednesday, October 14th. UW Ext. Nutrition Coordinator, Therese Wimann, instrumental in the success of the farm market, is on medical leave. Annie Erdmann and Diane Babcock, farm market participants, are taking the lead on organizing the 2015 Hazel Street Farm Market. The farm market vendors are discussing creating a co-op. The Downtown Development Commission was asked to adopt a resolution in support of the Assembly Bill "Pickle Bill", which allows limited sales of home-canned foods without a license.

A 'kick-off' to summer event is scheduled at Lions Park for Friday, June 5th. Commission members will be asking local businesses for donations, similar to last year's Oktoberfest. City crew will be trimming trees possibly cutting one down. A day will be scheduled for the commission members and any other volunteers to clean up the Lion's Park and to plant donated perennials. City crew will be building 2 additional planters to help barricade Hazel Street from April 15th – October 15th.

Discussion was held regarding excess litter along Main Street. Members Beckman and Elkington are looking into applying for the Reducing Cigarette Butt Litter Grant, a Keep America Beautiful (KAB), 2015 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP). City crew will be replacing the whisky barrel planters with smaller versions of the ones barricading Hazel Street. Hanging planters, similar to the ones at A-F Motors, will be placed on light poles along Main Street in conjunction with the other planters. New benches are being priced to replace the green ones that have been used in the past.

A discussion was held regarding amending the current sign ordinance.

Finance Committee – January 27, 2015

In Petitions and Communications Clerk Winters stated that we have received a check in the amount of \$2,320.00 for our Workers Compensation Dividend.

Discussion Relating to Delinquent Personal Property Invoice(s): Clerk Winters stated Attorney Richards-Bria sent a letter regarding the Delinquent Personal Property Tax on December 12 to pay the outstanding amount,

plus any incurring interest and penalties by December 26, 2014 to avoid further legal action. I emailed her regarding the status and she had not received any payment. Mayor Baumgartner will follow up with Attorney Richards-Bria on the next steps of action.

A discussion was held relating to the new Disclosure Contract with Ehlers and the increase from \$150 to \$750.00 yearly charge. Recommendations were made to approve the new Disclosure Contract with Ehlers and the increase to \$750.00.

A discussion was held relating to Sewer Agreement. Mayor Baumgartner stated that she has spoken to Rebecca and this is still in litigation between the parties. Motions were made to table the Sewer Agreement and Agenda item #4 -Intergovernmental Agreement with Strong's Prairie and bring back the Agreements when the litigation has been final.

The 2015 Capital Project Budget(s) were discussed. Mayor Baumgartner stated that we have a few things coming up and one is our telephone system for the Municipal Building. We have received one bid for \$10,000 and waiting for one from RMM Solutions. She said she would like to get a third bid as well. The cost would come out of the Capital Projects from all Building Funds. The Public Works Crew is putting together street projects that they might need. The sweeper is one that is on the template for rehab in 2015, of which, the guys are working on it right now. The cost to send it out, just for labor would have been well over \$3,000.00. We need to revamp it as a lot of the Capital schedule has been replaced and already done. Every three years a new squad, we just replaced one last year and the other will be replaced in 2017. A new Front-End Loader is scheduled for 2017. Kierstyn stated we replaced the tires last year on it and would suggest sending somewhere for preventative maintenance to change the main wear area items such as belts, hydraulic hoses and painting it for the rust issues. For the low hours it gets a year, spending \$15,000 - \$20,000 on it we can get another 10 to 15 years out of it versus replacing it. Roseberry questioned the computers and server as well as the backup system. The 2014 year-end budget report was discussed and reviewed. Clerk Winters stated that the 2015 budget amounts have not been entered due to we just closed out 2014.

Petitions and Communications: Don Williams addressed the Council. He stated, I came tonight because I want to talk about Dave Mead. I'm not in a position, nor am I trying to say that I am, to tell you what to do. But I want to express this. I've been in management most of my life. You do not have charges filed against you when you're not even faced with what they are. And I know that to be true. I did see Dave's sheet that was given to him by the Mayor. It did not specify any charges and to the best of my knowledge he still is not aware of any charges. We do have the Chief, apparently investigating whatever the charges may be. Which automatically tells the community the Police Chief is investigating, must be something illegal whether it is or not. But at this point apparently Dave Mead doesn't know anything about it. The second thing is, is that when you have an employee who has a problem, he talks to the supervisor and then he asks to go see the Mayor with, in that case, Dave Mead in attendance. And so he can file his charges, face to face. That's the normal, normal American way of doing it. Not screwing the guy and then having him all of a sudden receive suspension papers. That's wrong. The other thing I would like to comment on because I know that there's been comments here last week, I saw the chief talking and you can hear part of you on the speakers. You need to get that taken care of. The public should not have to tell you that. I noticed something else as long as I'm here. I do not see Channel 4 recording the meetings anymore. Are we still giving them money? LaQuee answered yes, and the Mayor answered yes but we are working with them. And then the question would be why. Why would we do that? None of the other communities are giving them money. Friendship's not giving them money and they have received funds back the same as we do. Even if that's going to disappear, we shouldn't give money for nothing. And that's what we're getting today is nothing. No recordings no nothing. But I would hope finishing this up that the City Council and the Mayor, and by the way I am partially responsible for that lady sitting there, I asked her to run, I hate to see this happen. But I feel so upset about this, that I just felt I had to come and say, if you're going to do something if it's illegal, fine and dandy. But bring it out and say what the charges are. It's like the community doesn't know what's going on except hearsay. Why not be honest and say what it is. Bring it out in the open. I realize you've had meetings, public meetings, if a person could have attended those maybe we would have heard something. Chances are, we wouldn't of. But it's time to set the record right and I really wish you would do that. Before I was mayor, you used to have to sign a sheet and say I'd like to speak about so

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and so. I see you have reinstituted that. I think that's wrong. I think the public, no matter what it is, you're up there because you ought to have thick skin and you ought to be able to take whatever the public has to say as long as they are tax payers from the City of Adams or they live in the City of Adams. Because they are the people you represent they ought to be allowed that privilege. That's all I want to say. Thank you for letting me talk.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Baumgartner reported that that we have a prototype of a new planter. The whiskey barrels that we have used for many years are rotting out and we can no longer get them replaced. We need to look at other options. This prototype was put together with the possibility of replacing some of the whiskey barrels on Main Street. It was based on the planters we made for the farmers market. The new planter is in the council room for anyone to check out if they would like.

Chief Anderson stated he had nothing to report.

LaQuee stated last week we had someone here from the school. What happened? The Mayor answered, "I don't know". Laquee said he thoroughly agrees with Don Williams. Why do we pay the schools \$3500 a year when they don't show up? The Mayor replied she fully agrees. Laquee said he has been complaining about this for the last year and it's just not going nowhere. I thought when they were back last week, great they're finally going to do it. The Mayor said I think we all did. We didn't get any phone calls saying they were not coming. Laquee said that's \$3500 a year we are just throwing out in the street. The Mayor stated this is something we need to bring back up at the Cable Advisory where we did have that conversation whether we should continue or not. We should put it back on the agenda. LaQuee said if the school doesn't come across, at the next Finance meeting I think they should discuss it and take a vote on whether to continue or not. We gave them the equipment, agreed to pay them X amount of dollars, we gave them I forgot how much to start with, then we agreed to give them \$3500 a year after that. The equipment we gave them wasn't that cheap. We just bought it brand new and we gave it to them and I think we paid what, \$10,000 or \$12,000 for it. It's just all been a flop. We thought it would benefit the school kids but apparently they don't want to get into it.

New and Unfinished Business:

The Mayor explained that this is a contract that every township or municipality has. What we have got here is an increase from \$150 to \$750. We did some research and we have not had an increase since 2009. We did some asking around to other municipalities and it seems to be an agreement that everyone is going along with Ehlers as a necessary thing the City has to have. Since we have had no increase in fees in six years the finance committee recommended going with Ehlers. Roseberry asked the Mayor if she would tell everyone what Ehlers does for the City. The Mayor explained that this is a disclosure agreement for outstanding bonds and what they do is recertify that and that is a thing that has to be done through an accounting office. Since we don't have an accounting office or an accounting staff that would do that we use Ehlers. **Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to Approve the New Disclosure Contract with Ehlers, Inc. All voted aye.**

Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to Approve Payment of Bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Hilson, second by Jensen to Adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne G. Gostomski, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer